(iii) Support for establishment of Rural Kiosks

(iv) Steps to accelerate PC and Broadband penetration in India

(v) Language Computing Initiatives

(vi) E-Governance Investment Fund and Innovation Centre

(vii) Security Cooperation

(c) An agreement has been signed in the area of "Security Cooperation" by Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) of Department of Information Technology (DIT) with Microsoft. For the "E-Governance Investment Fund and Innovation Center", National Institute of Smart Governance (NISG), a Section 25, not-for-profit Company, promoted by government jointly with the private sector has entered into the agreement.

Reservation in jobs for minorities

*28. SHRI PROMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce reservation of jobs for minorities on the basis of religion; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) and (b) No such proposal is under consideration for the Government. However, a National Commission for Religious and Linguistic Minorities has been set up to suggest the criteria for identification of socially and economically backward sections among religious and linguistic minorities and to recommend measures for their welfare, including reservation in education and government employment.

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*30. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the differences between Government and the Indian